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The Society of Old Hartleians held their 14th Annual Dinner at College on February 29th; and as often happens at dinners, there were toasts proposed and speeches made. The Principal and Mr. Tyerman both gave information to Old Hartleians about the College as it now is, from the academic and Student's viewpoint, and there was a note of pride and satisfaction in the achievements of the College running through their remarks. Later, Mr. Dudley pointed out that those responsible for the success of the College (in the many branches of student activity) were not the students here now, but those who had left: those who in their student days had laid the foundations for us to build upon.

So we are now laying the foundations of our future development. We must not look for all our schemes to come to fruition in our own time, but rather we should look always to the future and allow, where possible, for matters at present unforeseen.

If you look at the pages of the Handbook which give details of the Societies and Clubs to which Students may belong, you will find, apart from the Athletic Union, that there are some thirty Clubs, and sundry Union Committees, which involve their members in more work than would at first appear. We have, in fact, as many Clubs as Universities twice our size, and what is more important, they are just as efficient, useful and successful as any other. The same is equally true of the Athletic side—we are able to run clubs in most of the usual branches of sport and to hold a position of some importance in competition with other Universities. This again is partly due to organisation in the past; we are now reaping the harvest of that work. But one unforeseen factor is hitting us very hard. That organisation was built upon a basis of five hundred Students, steadily increasing. Our clubs to-day are capable of providing for that number, whereas we have a few less than four hundred. No one could have foreseen that governmental policy would deprive us in two years of some 120 students, but that is what happened.

We are in the position of 400 students having to do the work that should be done by over 500, which means that everybody must give more help than would otherwise have been necessary or the whole system will break down, and we shall be forced not only to curtail our development, but to lower our present standard.

The clubs cannot run if they receive no support; but there is another side to Union affairs which is neither so apparent nor so well known. That is the question of finance. We have to finance all our clubs and societies from income, and are facing at the moment a deficit on the year's working. It may be necessary to cut grants in order to remain solvent and grants will be cut from those things which seem least useful. For instance, the *West Saxon* costs us about forty pounds a year, which would be money well spent if the magazine were of a real literary standard; if, however, there is not sufficient matter submitted to the editor to make publication worth while we shall have to do without a magazine. The Choral Society costs us over fifty pounds a year, but we do not want to restrict them in their productions, therefore there ought to be nearly 400 present on Students' Night, to give encouragement to the cast and to show that the Union has an interest in it. This paper too is one of the most useful ventures which the Union has undertaken and meets an apparent demand, but it is costing us about three pounds a week, that is over and above income, which we clearly cannot afford.

We want to carry on with the programme which we now have in hand, but we can only do so if we find or create some independent sources of income. This we have been able to do to a certain extent by running dances at a small profit instead of the hitherto customary loss. Yet it remains true that the only real solution is for there to be an increase in the membership of the Union, and until that occurs for everybody to do their utmost to make clubs and societies function efficiently and well.

Jack Goss,
President of the Union.

Hundred Years Ago?

We have therefore met every rising complaint respecting either the quantity or quality of the food, or the humble accommodation in the dormitories, with explanations of the importance of forming in the school habits of frugality, and of the paramount duty of nurturing a patient spirit to meet the privations of the life of a teacher of the poor.

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WESSEX NEWS

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1936.

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EDITORIAL.

"Policy, my lord, is a sore point, like conscience": no one is more aware of that than we are, and at the risk of repeating what was outlined in last week's News we would elaborate the point. On the one hand it must be realised that the 'News' is to some extent an official paper, in that it is backed by and therefore responsible to the Students' Council, and also has valuable support from the College authorities. This means that a great deal of valuable work may be done by this paper in co-ordinating and distributing news, and in facilitating understanding between the two groups composing the College, students and staff. Further it implies that the 'News' is not and will not be a 'rag', nor, interesting though it would doubtless be, shall we try to rival either John Bull or the Humourist, because we wouldn't if we could, and we couldn't if we would. To be more specific, it is doubtful if we shall agitate for a Communist Revolution, or the removal of the Principal, or the extinction of all politically minded students in the interests of the Union.

This, we must add, does not mean that we shall publish a mere official gazette: our intention is to provide a forum through correspondence columns, signed articles and articles in general, wherein matters which are considered to be important in any way to ourselves as students may be discussed, but without, in doing so, ending our valuable support to any particular group, belief or catchword.

A week's working has shown us a number of things. The first number of the paper was received with encouraging interest and it is vitally necessary that that interest should be maintained to the extent of every member of the Union buying a copy. The amount of material we had in the first number led to the paper costing about twice what we had anticipated: we are determined not to let the 'News' drop, therefore we must increase our advertising columns and sales . . . and the latter is where you come in.

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.
2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.
3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print Society reports unless they have genuine news value.

Strong Feeling at Debate.

POLITICS DEFEATED.

The question as to whether the Union should take any official part in political issues was debated on Saturday. The motion "That Students' Unions should take an active part in politics" being defeated 21-13. At one of the best debates this year the general feeling of sincerity and urgency of the whole meeting compensated to a great degree for the small attendance.

The four main speakers of whom Mr. Ruffell, leading for the proposition and Mr. Tress seconding on the other side, were outstanding, all addressed the house with sincerity and moderation, giving an unusual feeling that they meant what they said. The proposition pointed out the all prevailing influence of politics in the life of every student, questions of peace and war, school leaving age, health and unemployment, etc., and suggested that, without bringing in party politics, it was possible that the Union officially should take decisions, and that it was eminently necessary that it should do so.

From the other side of the house it was urged that politics would automatically mean party politics, that admitting the urgency of political question and the fact that students should act in their opinions, claimed that such action was best expressed by members of the Union acting as a group of members in each specific situation. Equally opposed views with equal urgency were expressed from both sides of the floor.

This meeting is reported at some length, not so much as a report on Debates Society and Political Club function, but as expressing our opinion, particularly at the present moment with a political situation teeming with difficulties to be faced by all students, that the place of politics in the University is a question of importance and one not to be lightly judged or lightly cast aside.

NEWS ITEMS.

Voting in the election of the Vice-President for next session will take place in the Secretary's office on Friday, continuously from 9 to 5. The candidates are: Miss Dondly, Miss Scott, Miss Still.

Scylla (Mr. C. Taylor) has no warning notice. However, Charybdis now has a board. Blacksliders beware!

Mr. Thorp accomplished the difficult feat of changing into dress clothes for the first time when returning in the train from Bristol, not in the compartment.

The grounds of South Stoneham House are pitifully shorn of many elms, which had to be felled as they were diseased. Pine trees have suffered too. The largest tree, 120 feet high and 33 feet round the butt, blocked the pathway and slightly damaged an old hollyoak. One tree was examined and found to be 146 years old.

As trees come down, the Boat House goes up. It will house six "eights", 63 feet long, and a number of "fours". The framework is ready and roof and walls are now being completed.

Consequent on a recent accident at New Hall, when Ridgewell had a mauled finger, mouse-traps are to be installed in each block. It is even said that the purchase of a cat is contemplated.

It is proposed to give New Hall students' telephone a soundproof box, which will enable men to hear what is said to them on the Instrument.

The Students' Council may ask for lifts to be installed up to the Library and down to the seminar wings, as the present route to them is wearisome. It might be cheaper to open the doors from the entrance hall into these wings.

The collection at the Collegiate Service at S. Mary's, S. Stoneham, on the last Sunday of this term will be for the Southampton Hospital Sunday Fund.

Stoneham beat New Hall at Table Tennis last week, thus reversing last year's result.

LIBEL IMPENDING.

Toujours l'impolitesse.

We have far too much regard for other people's feelings. The times when people hissed and booed at public meetings and entertainments are largely past, and a robust expression of genuinely held opinion has been replaced by generous applause with the accent on the generosity. A public speaker, whatever his creed, is received kindly and his views are treated with respect instead of on their merits. The result is that no feeling is aroused except a most unbecoming one either pro or con, the matter is as soon forgotten as ended, and if no one is the worse certainly no one is the better. A public entertainment, especially if by amateurs, is given an 'appreciative audience' of bored people who, out of a false kindness, push the entertainers a few more steps to hell, via the road of good intentions. Worse still, individuals may produce disgust and even loathing by their personal behaviour and yet remain unchallenged by direct criticism.

If, on the other hand, a person disapproved of were informed of that disapproval in unmistakable terms, the result might be turbulent, but out of that turbulence there would be more gained than lost. It is only when people have to fight for their opinions that they are forced to decide whether they really believe in them or whether they are falsehoods or mere pious hopes, having no relation to their true selves. It is only out of conflict that truth arises. But, if opinions should be castigated, the more should actions be treated with loud disapproval. What is the use of getting out of carshot before indulging in a disgust which is, in one's own opinion, rightly felt. Nothing resists except a feeling of superiority in the disgruntled. The offender continues in his offence, if so it be, ignorant of the opposition he has aroused, unable to defend himself.

So-called approval of what is secretly disapproved of, only results in the separation of individuals and a careless lack of regard for truth. To honest doubt let there be added honest dispute; to honest disapproval, honest abuse. Phi.

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Athletic Union.

NETBALL.

This Club has been unlucky with injuries, and has not yet found an adequate centre combination. Recovery has been, however, and victories over Reading University and Queen's A.A. augur well for the future. The Reading game was keenly contested, and play was quick and accurate.

CHESS CLUB.

In the Lightning Chess Team Tournament on Wednesday, though handicapped by the absence of three of our "A" players, we entered three teams whereas in the past we have never entered more than two. The "A" team in its weakened state did well to obtain third place in the First Division while the "B" and "C" were undistinguished.

In the semi-finals of the John Lewis Cup Seagrowth beat Gale, and Connel, Leamouth. The first of the three matches to decide the championship starts Saturday next.

FIXTURES.

Cross Country: A. A. Cock 3 miles Road Race, March 7th.
Hants Intercollegiate (Winchester), March 11th.

10 Mile Walk, Thursday, March 19th.

(A record number of entries is expected for the Road Race and the 10 Mile Walk.)
CLUB GOING TO DO ABOUT THE "BIG HIKK"?

Men's Hockey: 1st XI v Goldsmith's College, London, March 7.

WORKS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND GROUND STAFF.

We take note with pleasure of the success of the 'Wags', the College Office Soccer XI, drawn from FOURTEEN players only, in the Southampton Junior League. They have lost only one game in sixteen, and scored 69 goals against 19. Next Saturday they meet the League leaders, and if they win will probably secure the Championship.

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SOCCER (U.A.U. Replay).

The story of a sad trip to Bristol is simply told. In a game which never reached the brilliant heights of the encounter of February 15th, neither Bristol nor the College ever forgot that Ted Bullock was not playing. The home team played vigorously according to two slogans—"Down the middle!" and "watch that man on the left!" and as they hammered again and again on the skill and the nerves of a Bullockless defence, it became clear that those nerves would give way, unless fortune broke for the forwards. The College lost the toss, and conceded a gift goal within five minutes. Playing against the wind, they then held out until half-time, Coles showing fine soundness in kicking and tactics, though he, like his colleagues in the defence, was constantly missing the invaluable covering and steady influence of Bullock. There were potential holes in the middle, and in the second half Bristol, showing a fine sense of tactics, found them. "Down the middle" they came, again and again, and their centre-forward, a ruthless forger, easily took advantage several times of a harassed and unusually uncertain Robson. The College inside-forwards missed Bullock as much as the defence did. They had to forage for themselves, and as a result, the College attacks were sporadic, individualist and, except on few occasions, ineffective. Turnbull, without the usual support, and marked desperately, tried tremendously hard, and it was fitting that he should score the only goal, in reply to the five added by Bristol in the second half.

It was an astonishing reversal of form, and all our sympathy goes out to Ted Bullock, a grand player and captain, whose absence for the first time this season was the most important factor in this failure to reproduce the brilliant football of which his team is capable, and which would have again carried the Club to success. We seldom play well at distant places, and we lack the temperament for really vital matches.

HARD LUCK—

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BRISTOL!

The Soccer Club would like to thank Campbell and Hemming for their efforts in getting the injured players fit for Saturday's game.

ROWING.

(by our special correspondent).

On Saturday, February 29th, two College eights rowed against the Bristol University 1st Boat, over a two mile course on the Itchen. The visiting crew had the inevitable disadvantage of rowing in a strange boat, but proceeded at once to show their superior boat control on the way down the river. At 2.53 all three boats got off well together, the College 1st eight in their new boat striking 38 to Bristol's 35. At Northam Bridge the 1st Boat was slightly ahead with Bristol second, but on the longer bend the distance between all three boats was increased, the College being well ahead, though the 2nd eight lost further ground by erratic coxing, particularly in approaching the Railway Bridge. At the finish, the College 1st eight was roughly 9 lengths up on Bristol, with the 2nd eight coming up to within one length on the row-in.

Throughout the race, the 1st eight maintained the highest rate of striking, never dropping below 32. The work was smoother and much better together than usual, though there was still lacking the leg-drive necessary to give real fire to the boat. This criticism applied still more to the second boat, where the "coal-heave" at the finish was particularly noticeable; and the arms are bound, as they did, to pass out long before the end of the race, leaving the boat quite dead. What was most heartening was the brave attempt of stroke to rally his crew, especially in the second half of the course. This man has guts.

FINIS CORONAT OPUS!

RUGGER.

Wednesday.

Against an R.A.P. Old Sarum team our high standard against Bristol was maintained as is shown by the size of the score, and this in spite of the fact that for three-quarters of the game, the pack had only seven men.

The backs were well supplied with the ball and ran through practically at will. They combined excellently when they settled down and showed skill in attack.

Result 45—10.

RESULTS.

Wednesday, Feb. 29th.

Netball: 1st VIII v Queen's

A.A. Won: 17—10.

Women's Hockey: 1st XI v

Parkstone (h). Won: 3—1.

Rugger: 1st XV v Old Sarum

(h). Won: 45—10.

Saturday, Feb. 29th.

Soccer: 1st XI v Bristol U. (a).

Lost: 1—6.

2nd XI v S. Hants Nomads.

Lost: 1—8.

Rugger: 1st XV v E.R.A. (a).

Lost: 3—17.

Men's Hockey: 1st XI v Poole

Nomads (h). Won: 1—0.

Women's Hockey: 1st XI v

Reading U. (a). Lost: 3—7.

Rowing: 1st VIII v Bristol U.

(h). Won by 9 lengths.

Saturday.

On Saturday, the rugger team with a slightly weakened pack, came up against the E.R.A.'s team, who have only lost twice this season. The pack were up against tougher and quicker opponents than Bristol, and were often beaten in the loose and set scrums. But they fought back vigorously and managed to keep the E.R.A.'s from getting the upper hand.

The E.R.A.'s three-quarters were very fast and it was due to them and especially to their brilliant fly-half that they owed most of their 17 points (2 goals, 1 try, 1 drop goal).

The College outsiders were handicapped by the absence of their usual scrum half, when they did get the ball they made some good runs, Moir scoring in the first half. Result U.C.S. 3 E.R.A.'s 17.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

On Saturday, February 29th, the College defeated Poole Nomads at home by a single goal. Playing a man short, the visitors played a plucky and determined game. The College pressed for most of the first half, but only scored once. Play became crude in the second half and was marred by an excess of vigour. The game ended in an uninteresting "dog-fight."

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

At Reading on Saturday, the College lost 3—7 in an enjoyable game. College settled down slowly, and Reading scored twice. Foster and Nettleton replied for College, but the score at half-time was 2—4. It was not until the last 15 minutes that Reading added 3 more, and the College's only consolation was a goal by Nettleton.

SPORTS' STOP PRESS.

EDITORIAL NOTE. It is the policy of the Editor to allocate extra space to all U.A.U. games if adequate accounts are forthcoming.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Maidment's letter may express the perplexity of many non-members of S.C.M. who responded to our appeal during Federation week, but in addition to pamphlets on our notice board, two talks were arranged this year on the subject.

Every student joining S.C.M. becomes ipso facto a member of the World Student Christian Federation, which links S.C.M.'s in 28 countries. It assists movements in countries less fortunate than our own (it is building up movements in Eastern Europe and amongst Russian exiles), combats modern apathy towards religion by conferences and exchanges of visitors and, through the International Student Service, tries to relieve distressed students.

If we can so help towards a friendlier understanding between nations, surely this is no mean work.

Yours etc.,

Joan Fleming.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Dear Sir,

I have a small grouse to make against G.C.S.'s review of the German film "The Old King and the Young King." Of course it is a propaganda film, but the propaganda is so crude that it is completely harmless, or rather I should imagine that it would affect an English audience in exactly the opposite way from that designed by its German producers. If he seriously thinks that any member of the Film Society could be affected by such crude propaganda in favour of militant nationalism, he must have a much lower conception of the intelligence of that body than I have. As President of the Film Society I can assure him that I should not allow the representation of any film which I imagined could have a serious effect on the audience as political propaganda (whether that propaganda happened to be Nazi, Fascist, Communist or any other brand.

Yours sincerely,

V. de S. Pinto.

On the same question,

It is so convenient to call this sort of thing propaganda and it is really a pity that this time it is nothing else but historical truth. It is true too that the "Staatsaufassung" of the "Third Reich" has its roots in the conception of the frederician state. And why should not—since his ideas of service to state and nation are becoming valid again—his inner development be shown, from the Crown Prince leading a dissolute life to his high opinion of being the "first servant to the state"? It is not, as the reviewer seems to assume, his father who is the ideal

representative of leadership, but the young king gone through all these experiences which moulded his life to his later greatness, which was wise enough to embrace interests for art, music and French literature.

Günther Köntges.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Dear Sir,

We are exhorted by S.G.B. to make approval or disapproval felt. The recent campaign on the part of authority against punctuality can hardly have passed unnoticed. Often we are late into (and out of) lectures. Mistaking the stony silence for rapt attention, lecturers discourse regardless of time. We suffer in silence. Our periods of somnolence in the library are marred by a subconscious feeling that we are outstaying our welcome. And why? In the Entrance Hall is an electric point—unused. We hurry needlessly, or linger too long over coffee: Why? The joyful tingle of the "five-to" bell is no longer. It is fortunate that Messrs. Marks & Spencer do a good line in cheap wrist watches.

Yours etc.,

E. J. T.

WOMEN.

Women of U.C.S., the Time has come to issue a call, not to arms, but to interest. Rows of empty chairs, a solid expanse of drab grey and brown backs unrelieved by any spot of brighter feminine colour, all bear witness to the lamentable fact of the non-attendance of women at Society meetings. During the spirited discussion of the RIGHTS past, present and future of women, debated which such zeal at some such meetings, the writer blushes for the inadequacy of the representation of her sex. If the paucity of numbers is due to lack of interest among women in the current affairs of the world, what is the use of ever discussing the vital question of the future position of women in society? It would be better to retire sadly into Victorian seclusion, mourning the failure of the feminine sex to grasp the opportunity that once was theirs. But it cannot be true. Women are not yet dead; one glance at the lunch-hour dancing or at the mixed common room proves that. Yet, from the appearance of meetings, one would think that their proportion to men in College was even smaller than it is. What is the use of discussing anything at society meetings when more than 50% of the population, 50% of future voters, is practically unrepresented. Can nothing be done to remedy this disgrace?

F. I.

Local Ancient History Research. A Great Discovery.

(A hitherto unpublished fragment from the Chronicles of the Land Between Icthen and Test).

... And it came to pass, in the days of Princee the king there was horror in the Land Between Icthen and Test: for the Stallion and the Little Pig stalked therein, seeking their prey.

"They frequented most of all the Hall of Icting, the Path of Asphalt, the Corridor of Draughts, and the Hall of Books, and yet there was a place even more made terrible by their presence, and this was the Room of the United Heath."

For they said each to other, "We are very beautiful to look upon, and have great wit and wisdom. Therefore we will parade slowly up and down, that all beasts may see us and marvel at our fairness and wit."

And they did so. Slowly did they parade, side by side. Loud and shrill neighed the Stallion, and proud and haughty was the demeanour of the Little Pig.

And many, both men and women, desiring to be highly thought of, became their followers and imitated their sounds.

And the blood of the listeners ran cold at the sounds, and they shivered mightily, but did nought. None was there who dared oppose the wrath and might of these twain, so fierce were they and so many were their followers. And many said among themselves, "Where are the days of our fathers, when the ducking-stool and the gag were yet used? Woe upon us, degenerate sons and daughters that we are! Courage is gone, and not a man of spirit remains."

Now in the gardens of the Hall of Stoneham, that ancient abode of virtue and integrity, lay a small straight-sided pool, known as the Pond of the Lily; for at certain seasons a lily of great beauty was reputed to grow there: and I, the scribe, myself have seen the leaves thereof in this pool, the water of which was grey in hue, dwelt evils and many other noisome and harmful beasts.

Now the wrath of the common people against the Stallion and the Little Pig grew for many days and seethed in secret, until finally it could no longer be restrained. Then arose a tumult and shouts were raised, "To the Pond of the Lily! To the Pond of the Lily!" And such was the righteous indignation of the commons that the two tyrants were seized bodily and dragged towards this very Pool.

Now the bottom of this pool was foul and stank exceedingly, as was proved by the adventure of one Sturgess, who plunged therein to recover a stone image. This image was aforesaid worshipped by the infidels of the new Hall, before the great dignity of the Church held the rule over

Calendar.

Tuesday, March 3rd.

Chess Club: R. G. Duce, Esq., on "The End Game in Chess," in Room 33, at 4.10.

Wednesday, March 4th.

Chess Club: A team v Old Tauntonians.

Research Fellowship Lecture on "Biological Oxidation," by Dr. A. Lawson in the Botany Th., at 5.15. Students' night, Choral Society production of "Pirates of Penzance," in the Hall, at 8.

Thursday, March 5th.

Geog. Soc.: Prof. C. B. Pawcett on "Millionaire Cities," in Room 1, at 5.30.

S.C.M.: Spencer Leeson, Esq., Headmaster of Winchester College, on "Christianity and Education," in the W.C.R., at 5.15.

Friday, March 6th.

Chem. Soc.: I. B. Prowse, Esq., on "Agricultural Chemistry," at 5.15.

I.N.U.: Clifton Robbins, Esq., on "World Labour Problems," in the Music St., at 1.30. Choral Society production of "Pirates of Penzance," in the Hall, at 8.

Saturday, March 7th.

Political Club: at 11.15 in the Music St.

Choral Society production of "Pirates of Penzance" in the Hall, at 8.

Sunday, March 8th.

Mary's S. Stoneham: Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw, at 9.45 a.m.

Rhythm Club at the Cowherd's Tearooms, at 5.30.

Monday, March 9th.

Gramophone Club in the Music St., at 1.20 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th.

Soc. Society: Ralph Fox on "Communism in Great Britain," in Room 5, at 1.20.

them... But now they worship a pole.

Such then was the pool, and into it were hurled the disturbers of the peace of the land. Great was the splash, yea, and greater was the stench, as the pool rocked and heaved and the noisome bubbles rose thick and fast. Then there crept, but two tamed and humble creatures. And there has been peace in the land from that time even unto the present day.

*This seems to be the best translation for the words "Joint-Common-Room" which otherwise seem unintelligible. It has been proved that there was in the district in question a place called "the Common" where certain observances were carried out. It seems likely that this room, bearing as it does a similar name, was used for similar purposes.

—Translator's note.

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